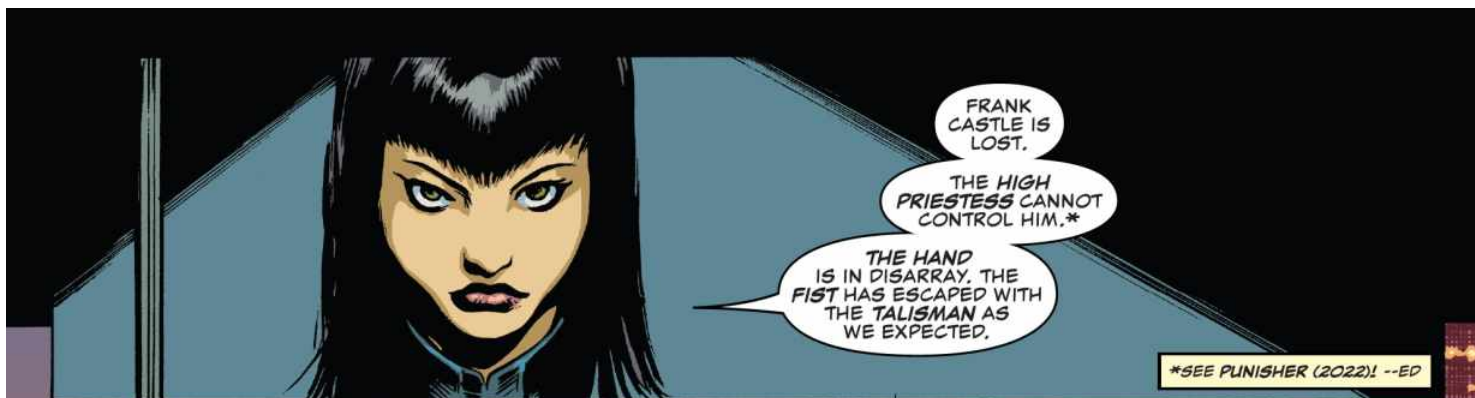


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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY AS...

DAREDEVIL IS **MARRIED**.

CENTURIES AGO, A GROUP NAMED THE FIST WAS FORMED TO OPPOSE THE SADISTIC NINJA CLAN **THE HAND**. AFTER A GRUELING RITUAL, **MATT MURDOCK** AND **ELEKTRA NATCHIOS** HAVE EMERGED AS THE FIST'S KING AND QUEEN.

MATT AND ELEKTRA HAVE OFFERED INCARCERATED CRIMINALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES AT THE FIST'S ISLAND STRONGHOLD IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR AID AGAINST THE HAND.

THE HAND HAS KIDNAPPED WORLD LEADERS AND REPLACED THEM WITH DEATH-WORSHIPPING PUPPETS, FRAMING ELEKTRA FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROCESS. EMBOLDENED BY THEIR NEW LEADER, **THE PUNISHER**, THE HAND HAS TAKEN THE SON OF ONE OF MATT'S RECRUITS, **BULLET**, FORCING MATT AND ELEKTRA TO FINALLY TAKE THEIR ARMY TO WAR!

AFTER A GRUESOME AND CATAclySMIC BATTLE, DAREDEVIL AND ELEKTRA ESCAPED WITH THE KEY TO DEFEATING THE HAND -- THE LUNATE TALISMAN. BUT THE ANCIENT CONFLICT HAS GAINED THE ATTENTION OF OTHER, EVEN MORE POWERFUL FORCES...

THE RED FIST SAGA

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HELP!
SOMEONE--

STOP
IT!

YOU DON'T
NEED VIOLENCE!
YOU DON'T--

HN!

OH,
I NEED
IT--

--AND
SO DO
YOU.

DON'T
YOU MISS THIS,
MURDOCK?

YOU WERE
BORN HERE...BORN
AGAIN HERE...

F-FISK...?

...HOW DARE
YOU THINK YOU
CAN GO DIE
ELSEWHERE?

HAVE YOUR
LOFTY FUN. HAVE
YOUR GLOBAL
AMBITIONS.

YOU'LL BE
BACK, AND WE'LL
DO THIS OVER AND
OVER...

...UNTIL WE'RE
ALL BURIED
BENEATH THE
KITCHEN.

NO! I'LL FIX
EVERYTHING!

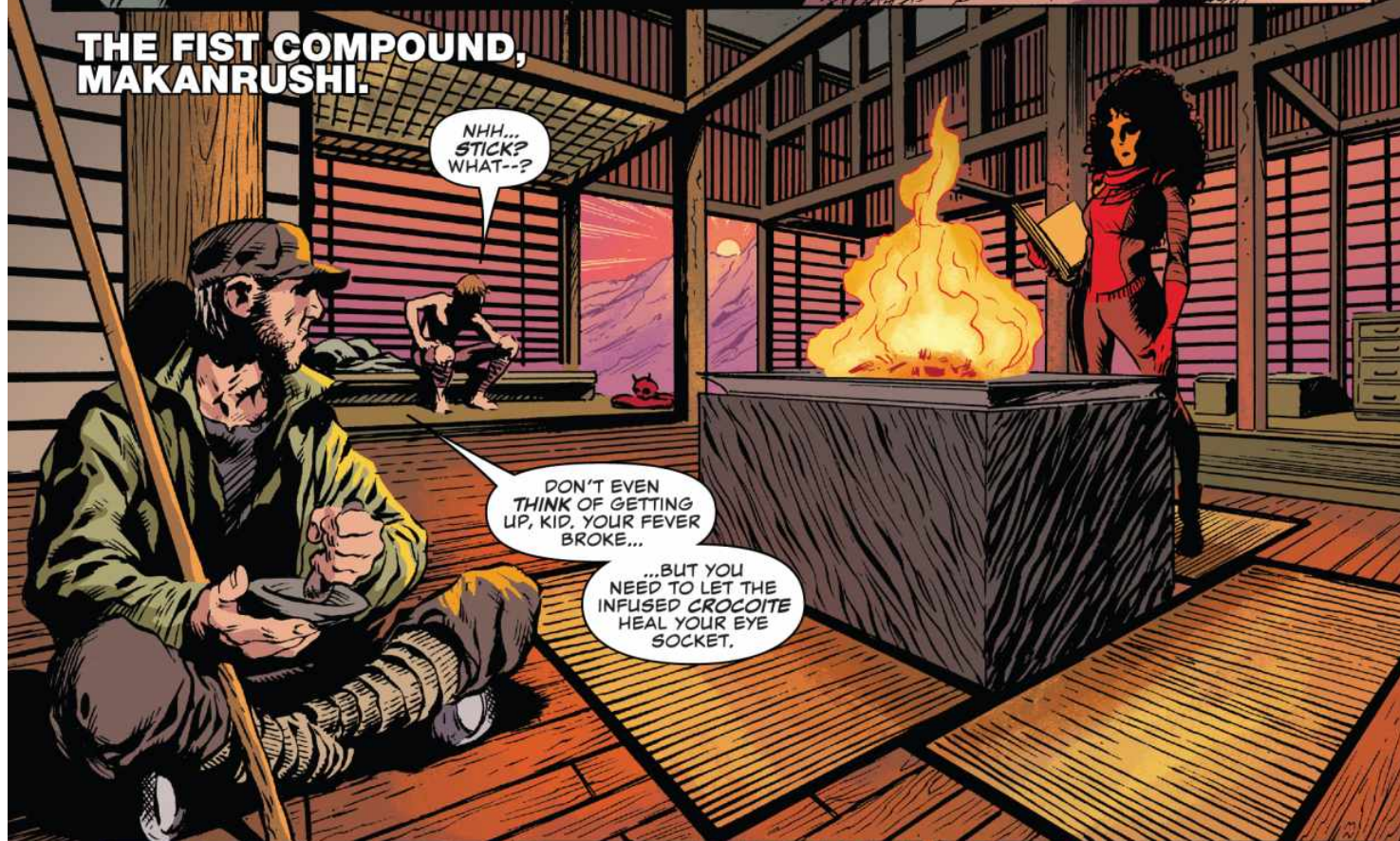
I DON'T
NEED THIS! I
DON'T NEED--



HN!

Just a
dream,
just a--

THE FIST COMPOUND, MAKANRUSHI.



NHH...
STICK?
WHAT--?

DON'T EVEN
THINK OF GETTING
UP, KID. YOUR FEVER
BROKE...

...BUT YOU
NEED TO LET THE
INFUSED CROCOITE
HEAL YOUR EYE
SOCKET.



I'M...
FINE.

I'm
not.

IS
EVERYONE
ELSE--?



MANY INJURED,
MOST ON THE MEND, FROM
WHAT I'VE HEARD.

MY FOCUS IS
ELSEWHERE.



ARE
YOU...?

STOKING A
SACRED FIRE
ACCORDING TO
INSTRUCTIONS IN THE
BOOK, WITH A BIT
OF TIME...

...WE
CAN DESTROY
IT.

The *Lunate
Talisman*. The
Hand's secret
weapon.

It can control the
dead, banishing their
souls to Hell.

They've used
it to murder
and puppet
the world's
leaders.

When it's
destroyed, their
control will *end*
and the world will
have to reckon
with what's
happened.

I'M GOING
TO GO CHECK ON
EVERYONE, MAKE
SURE THEY'RE
OKAY.

MATTHEW...

...WE DID IT. WE
BEAT THEM.
YOU SAID SO
YOURSELF.

IF YOU
DON'T ALLOW
YOURSELF TO FEEL
THE VICTORIES,
YOU'LL JUST
BURN AWAY.

YOU CAN'T FIX
EVERYTHING.

It's not
over yet.

I can't *just
sit and wait*.
This whole
endeavor has
been about
not waiting
anymore.

The *Hand* is still
out there...evil still
walks the world.

It never
ends.



The world...

...is suffering.



YOU GOOD?

I...
I'M FINE,
COLE.

SOME REST,
SOME HEALING, FOR
ALL OF US...



...AND THEN
WE'LL BE BACK
AT A HUNDRED
PERCENT. WE CAN
TAKE THIS FIGHT
TO THE HAND
NOW.

DESTROY
THEM ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

I...
PEOPLE ARE HURT,
BADLY.

I CAME
HERE, FOLLOWED
YOU, BECAUSE I
WANTED TO DO
SOME GOOD.

WE STOPPED
THE BAD GUYS.
YOU GOT YOUR DUMB
MAGIC JEWEL, WE SAVED
THE KID AND WE MANAGED
TO NOT DIE IN THE
PROCESS.

WHAT'S

WE HAVE TO
DESTROY THEM,
COLE.

NONE OF
THIS WORKS IF
THEY'RE NOT BURNED
FROM THE FACE OF
THE EARTH.



COLE,
WHAT'S--?

I WAS AN
IDIOT COMING OUT
HERE.

IT'S SO
\$#@ OBVIOUS
NOW.



THIS IS
NEVER GOING
TO END, YOU
CAN'T HAVE
IT END.

AND
PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO
DIE.

People are
always going
to die.

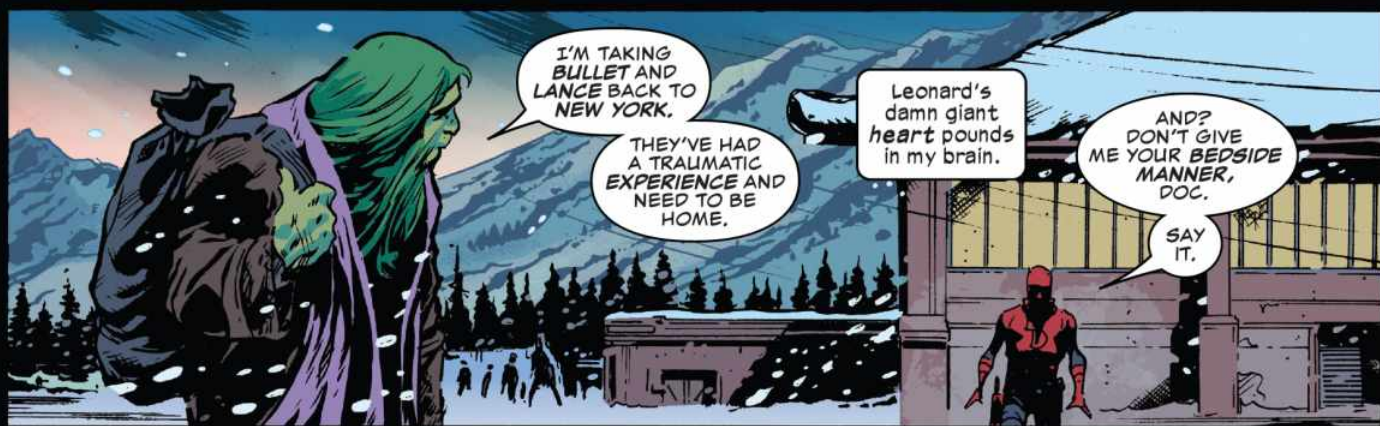


But isn't it
worth dying for
something? To
right wrongs?

To fight for
a higher
power? To--



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



I'M TAKING
BULLET AND
LANCE BACK TO
NEW YORK.

THEY'VE HAD
A TRAUMATIC
EXPERIENCE AND
NEED TO BE
HOME.

Leonard's
damn giant
heart pounds
in my brain.

AND?
DON'T GIVE
ME YOUR BEDSIDE
MANNER,
DOC.

SAY
IT.



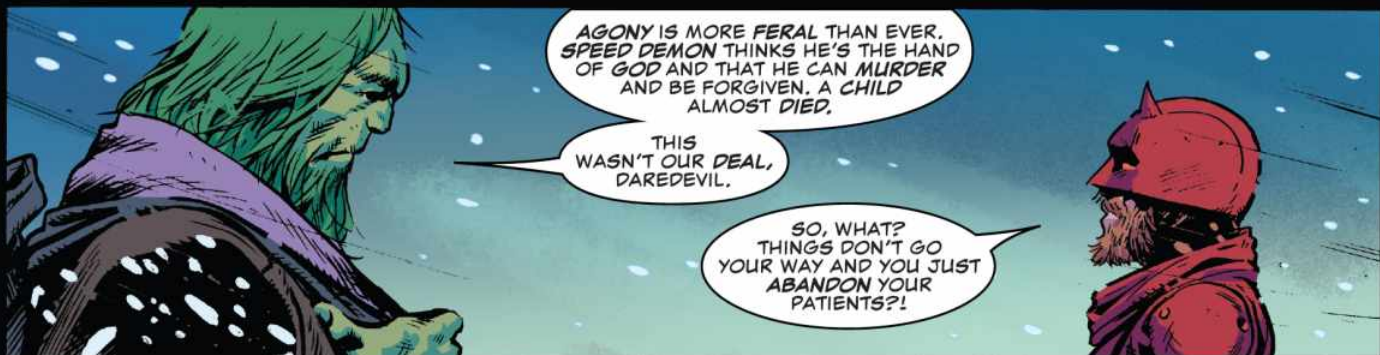
SAY
IT!



...I'M
LEAVING AS
WELL.

YOU TURNED
MY PATIENTS INTO
SOLDIERS BEFORE
THEY WERE READY
TO MAKE THAT
DECISION FOR
THEMSELVES.

YOU
SET THEM BACK
MONTHS.



AGONY IS MORE FERAL THAN EVER.
SPEED DEMON THINKS HE'S THE HAND
OF GOD AND THAT HE CAN MURDER
AND BE FORGIVEN. A CHILD
ALMOST DIED.

THIS
WASN'T OUR DEAL,
DAREDEVIL.

SO, WHAT?
THINGS DON'T GO
YOUR WAY AND YOU JUST
ABANDON YOUR
PATIENTS?!



I CAN'T
SUPPORT THIS. I
SHOULD HAVE REALIZED
THIS LOOKING AT
ELEKTRA.

YOU'RE
CREATING AN ARMY
OF DAREDEVILS. BUT
DAREDEVIL...

...IS BROKEN.
YOU AND YOUR
HOLY CRUSADE--YOUR
RIGHTEOUS VIOLENCE--
CAN'T BE THE TEMPLATE
FOR THESE PEOPLE,
FOR GETTING
BETTER.



WHEN YOU'RE
READY TO ACTUALLY
BE HELPED, YOU
KNOW WHERE TO
FIND ME.

COWERING
IN YOUR OFFICE!
HELPING NO
ONE!

Don't. Keep
control,
Matt. Don't--



YOU'RE
USELESS,
LEONARD!
USELESS!

Your anger. An
infection. It hasn't
gone away, has it?

Not since
prison. Not
since--



RAHHH!



Stay in
control,
dammit.
Stay in--

MATT...







TO
AVENGE
ME.



The sky--
snow--



--making it hard
to sense the
incoming--



It's
them.















NO, NO,
NO, NO, YOU
CAN'T--

WE NEEDED
TO SEE WHERE
YOU WERE. THIS IS
YOUR FRIEND'S
BODY...



"...HIS MIND AND
THOUGHTS."

STICK?
WHAT ARE
YOU--?

THERE WAS
ROT IN THE
HAND, KID. AKA KNEW,
EVEN IF THE HIGH
PRIESTESS
DIDN'T.



BUT FOGGY
NELSON?

YOUR
FRIEND?



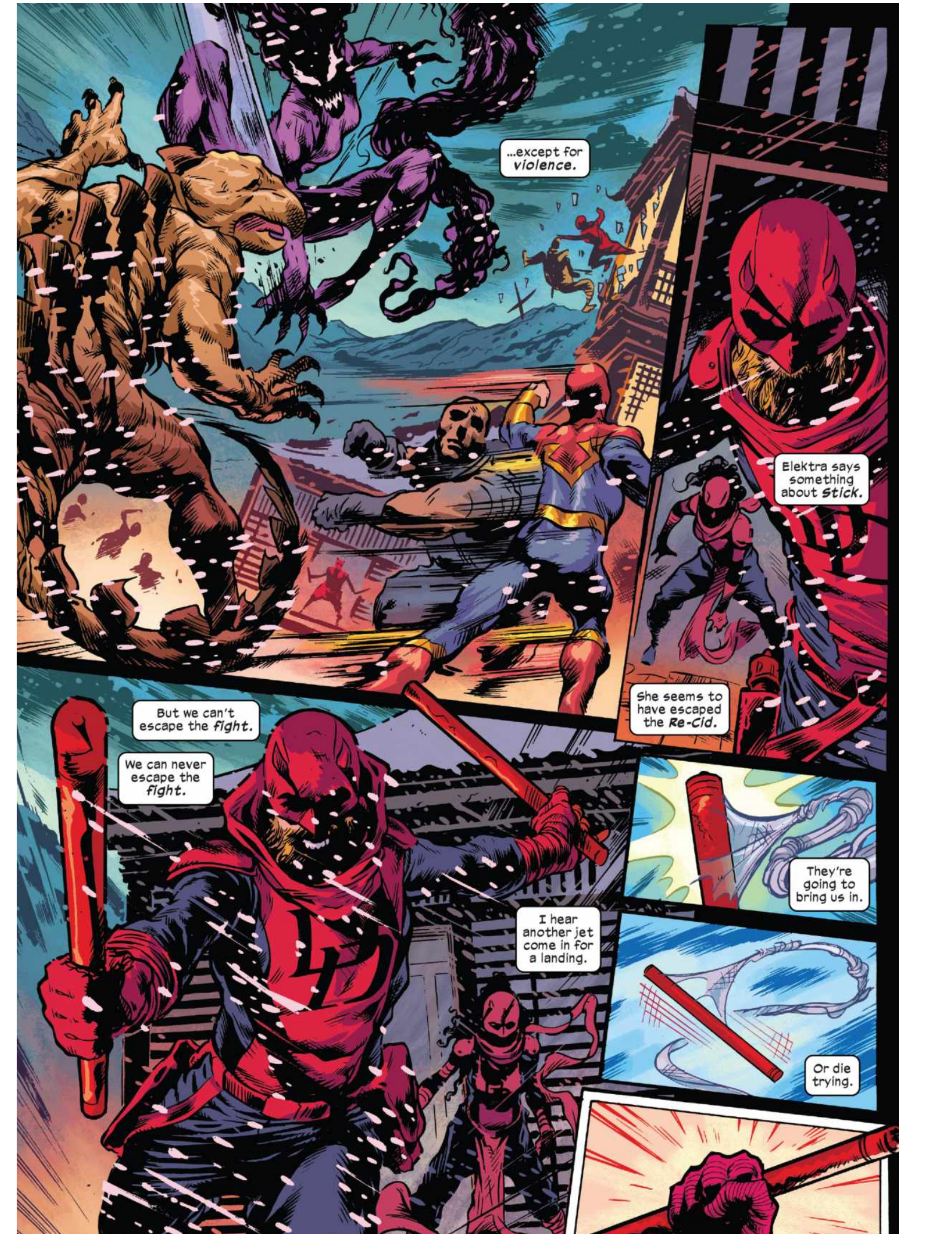
HE'S IN
HELL.



STICK IS
DEAD. THE FIST
IS DEAD.

THE
HAND WILL BE





...except for violence.

Elektra says something about *Stick*.

She seems to have escaped the *Re-Cid*.

But we can't escape the *fight*.

We can never escape the *fight*.

They're going to bring us in.

I hear another jet come in for a landing.

Or die trying.

DAREDEVIL...





